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# *Friends of Michigan History, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Michigan Historical Museum Lansing, Michigan October 12, 2009**

### **Call to Order**

President Bus Spaniola called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:06 A.M.

*Board Members Present:* Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Rose Moye, Richard Johnson, Charles Seeley, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, Tom Truscott, Bill Wellman, and Geneva Wiskemann.

*Board Members Absent:* Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, and Morris Thomas.

*Board Members Excused:* Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, and Morris Thomas.

*Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present:* Martha Bloomfield.

*Guests Present:* Chris Dancisak.

### **Approval of Agenda**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as transmitted; motion passed.***

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve as transmitted the minutes from the September Board meeting; motion passed.***

### **President's Report**

President Spaniola reported that the current arrangement that the Friends has with the Michigan History Foundation (Foundation) for processing new and renewing members would continue for the time being as it has in the past. In the interim, the Board discussed the need for the Friends to become self sufficient in terms of its financial and accounting arrangements. Rose Moye indicated that she would work with Jennifer Sochor to determine what will be needed and how best to approach the membership issues. President Spaniola also report on his current inability to schedule a meeting with the Executive Director of the Michigan Historical Society; although he was able to ascertain that the relationship that the Friends had with its members in terms of offering the *Michigan History Magazine* as an incentive should be able to be continue the Michigan Historical Society. The remainder of the President's report was filled with a Board discussion on the current unknowns regarding the Friends, Foundation, the Department of Natural Resources, and Michigan Historical Society.

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### Treasurer Report

<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>09-01-09</b>	6,951.84
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	9-28-09	<u>+ 911.55</u>
		7,863.39
<b>Cashed Checks</b>		
1461 Walker Tavern	\$ 16.60	
1462 Fayette	<u>\$ 16.60</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$-33.20</b>	<u>- 33.20</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>09-30-09</b>	7,830.19
Benevolent Fund	\$ 50.00	

***A motion was made and seconded to approve, as transmitted, the Treasurer's report for the period September 1 – September 30, 2009; motion passed.***

### Presentation of Bills

No bills that were not otherwise previously approved were presented.

**A motion was made and seconded to pay up to \$200 for cookies and cider at this upcoming Silver Bells celebration; motion passed.**

**A motion was made to accept Ms, Susan Eby as a member of the Friends and then to donate, in her name, \$25.00 to the Michigan State University Community Music School; motion passed.**

### Museum Report

Martha Bloomfield indicated that she had nothing else to report that was not already discussed during the President's Report.

### Committee Reports

A. **2009 Veterans Day Program Committee.** (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs): Paul Tarr indicated that most everything was in place for the upcoming Friends Massing of the Colors Veteran Day program on Sunday, November 8th. The speakers will be Gunnery Specialist Matt Coon (Purple Heart Recipient) who served three tours in Iraq and 27-year veteran First Sergeant Mike Beck, who recently returned from Afghanistan. Captain Ken Beachler again will be a part of the program as will the Jackson, Michigan Northwest High School Choir.

**A motion was made and seconded to pay up to \$250 for plaques for the Jackson, Michigan Northwest High School Choir and the two speakers for the Friends' Annual Massing of the Colors Veterans Day program on November 8th; motion passed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to pay up to \$100 for the refreshments at the Friends' Annual Massing of the Colors Veterans Day program on November 8th; motion passed.**

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- B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair)*. No report.
- C. *Board Nominating Committee (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott)*. No report.
- D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. No report.
- E. *Grants Committee (Adriana Greci Green - Chair)*. No report.
- F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman, Co-chairs)*. It was reported that the newsletter should be out soon. It was expressed that the newsletter needed to get out sooner than later since it was also advertizing the upcoming Friends Veterans Day Program.
- G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair)*. While it was recognized that there were some extenuating circumstances, disappointment was expressed that the last funding raising program to tour Charlevoix area's historical sites had to be cancelled due to the virtual lack of any timely advertisement to our member via our newsletter.
- H. *Calendar (2011) Committee (Tom Truscott & Rose Moye, Co-chairs)*. No report.
- I. *Byalws (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. This report and action remained tabled.

### **Old Business**

A. *IRS Group Exemption Application Status*. There has been no notification regarding the Friends' letter application to the Internal Revenue Service for a Group Exemption Number.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Announcements**

Keith Harrison announced that he had just become elected as the National Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). The MOLLUS was create in April 1865 was initially composed of Union officer veterans and now descendants of Union Officer. It is the oldest Civil War organization in the country.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectively submitted,

*Keith G. Harrison*

Keith G. Harrison, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

**The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2009, in Lansing.**